

Nature Center Activities

Turkey Run State Park

Monday-Friday, April 27-May 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist show you the Spring stars during a 40-minute planetarium show. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Welcome Back Weekend!

Saturday, May 2

Nature Center OPEN 9:30-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – Help a naturalist put out birdseed & work in our wildlife observation area, and then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

9:30-10am DNR Day Walk Registration – Sign up for our special fitness/history walk in front of the INN. Registrants will be entered into a drawing for an annual pass!

***10am DNR Day Walk** – Gather in front of the INN to experience historic structures & scenic natural beauty during a 2.5-hour moderately rugged history fitness tour. The hike includes stops at Lieber Cabin, an old coal mine, CCC structures, a historic home & mill site, & a covered bridge. Bring drinking water, and also walking sticks and snacks if you like.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* 40 min. Nature Center.

***3-4pm Fun & Games** – Come join in some heart-pumping and earth-friendly fun! We'll shoot water bottle rockets 50' in the air, & create people-sized bubbles. Nature Center.

***8:30pm Owl Prowl** – Come to the nature center to meet 3 of our most common owls, and then go for a hike to try and call some in for a closer look. 1-hour program and easy hike.

Sunday, May 3

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

***10:30am Fossil Hunt** – 1-hour rugged hike to see famous rock formations and find fossil evidence of an ancient ocean that used to cover some of Turkey Run. Nature Center.

1pm Armchair Tour: Trail 3 – 15-minute dvd tour of our most famous trail. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

Monday thru Friday, May 4-8

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

***Healthy Parks – Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us** or discover how to keep a state park healthy at these programs

Saturday, May 9

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

10:30am It's A Hoot! – Gather in the nature center to learn to hoot like an owl. Children can make a beautiful owl to fly home with them afterwards. 30-minute family program.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

5:30-7pm Naturalist In The Campground- Watch for the naturalist to see what's in her Bucket of Mystery.

8:30pm Bubble Magic – Meet on the lawn near the campground gatehouse to make car-sized bubbles!

Sunday, May 10

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

10:30am Caves: Life Beneath The Forest – Don't miss this exciting new 45-min. dvd at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

Monday thru Wednesday, May 11-13

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

Nature Video Days – Your choice, big screen format.

Thursday & Friday, May 14-15

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Saturday, May 16

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

10:30-11am Milk Carton Bird Feeders – Make a simple feeder birds will love. 20-minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

5:30-7pm Naturalist In The Campground- Watch for the naturalist to see what's in his Bucket of Mystery.

8pm Animals of Turkey Run – Hear all about and feel furs and skins of many animals that live at Turkey Run. Amphitheater (near Olympic Pool) 1-hour program.

Earn pins, kerchiefs, patches & more! Hoosier Quest Program Sign up at the Nature Center

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Sunday, May 17

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Help a naturalist put out birdseed & work in our wildlife observation area, and then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

10:30am A Mother Hummingbird's Life – Enjoy an amazing 25-minute video showing nest building and the raising of baby hummingbirds.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the Spring stars during a 40-minute planetarium show. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Must be seated by 2. Nature Center.

Monday thru Wednesday, May 18-20

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

Thursday, May 21

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.

7pm Planetarium Star Show – Join the Friends of Turkey Run & Shades State Parks to discover the history of Turkey Run & Shades during a 45-min. slide program. Then see what this group of park volunteers is up to these days during the business meeting that follows.

Friday, May 22

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above.



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Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 23

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***10-11am Nature Journals** – Create a beautiful journal & use it to capture your visit to the Park. 10 min. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

***3pm Tour The Lusk Home** – Gather in the basement of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion.

***8-9pm Blast Off (and other recycled crafts)** – Shoot rockets 50 feet high, make people-sized bubbles and more during this 1-hour session. Nature Center Lawn.

Sunday, May 24

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

10-11am Snakes & Turtles – Stop by the Nature Center to see & touch native reptiles.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

***3pm Tour The Lusk Home** – Gather in the basement of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion.

7-8:30pm Naturalist At The Inn – Want to try something fun? Find the naturalist inside the Inn to discover their mystery activity!

***9:30pm Night Hike** – Meet a naturalist at the nature center to walk through a nighttime woods. Flashlights optional for this 1-hour easy hike.

Monday, May 25

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous.

***11am Tour The Lusk Home** – Gather in the basement of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. *Reservations*

Tuesday, May 26

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing

10:30-11:15am Roving Reptiles – Touch a snake, feel a turtle and more! Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

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Wednesday, May 27

Nature Center OPEN 10am-4:30pm EDT

***10am Help Feed The Birds** – Help a naturalist put out birdseed & work in our wildlife observation area, and then watch out the windows to see who comes for breakfast! Nature Center.

***10:30am Wildflower Walk** – Explore the late spring flowers on a 1-hour easy walk. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Let a naturalist give you a tour of the Spring stars during a 40-minute planetarium show. *Reservations recommended on weekends.* Must be seated by 2. Nature Center.

Thursday, May 28

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

***11am Tour The Lusk Home** – Gather in the basement of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Friday, May 29

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

6:30-8pm Naturalist At The Inn – Want to try something fun? Find the naturalist inside the Inn to discover their mystery activity!

Saturday, May 30

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-5pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing

***10:30am Fossil Hunt** – Meet on the Nature Center front porch to hunt for fossils. 1-hour moderate walk.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

***3pm Tour The Lusk Home** – Gather in the basement of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion.

7pm Dedication Ceremony: Turkey Run Amphitheater – Come be a part of a historic moment as we dedicate our new 200-seat amphitheater. The Sugar Creek Woodwind Quintet will provide music, and dessert will be served following the festivities.

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Sunday, May 31

Nature Center OPEN 9:30am-4:30pm EDT

***9:30am Help Feed The Birds** – See previous listing

10-11am Bird Feeder – Make a simple feeder to take home. 15-minute activity. Nature Center.

***11am Tour The Lusk Home** – Gather in the basement of the Lusk Home for a 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended on weekends.*

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